GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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PERMISSION FOR IMPORT OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of private parties / firms have been permitted for importing LPG, Kerosene and other petroleum products by using oil companies facilities at different ports;

(b) if so, the number of such private parties/firms engaged for the said purpose during the last three years;

(c) the total number of persons belonging to SCs/STs among them permitted to importing LPG, Kerosene and other Petroleum products; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) to (d): As per the extant Exim policy, imports of petroleum products, except for some products including transportation fuels and kerosene, are freely allowed. In case of transportation fuels, imports are allowed through IOC as a State Trading Enterprise (STE), except for companies who have been granted rights for marketing of transportation fuels in terms of resolution dated 8.3.2002 of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, including HPCL, BPCL and IBP who have been marketing transportation fuels before this date. Imports of kerosene are allowed through STEs, i.e., IOC, HPC, BPC and IBP for all purposes with STC being nominated as a State Trading Enterprise for supplies to Advance Licence holders. Advance Licence holders have the option to import SKO from the above mentioned STEs including STC.

As regards usage of oil companies' facilities at different ports for imports of petroleum products by private parties, this is mutually decided upon by the parties concerned with the oil companies. According to information provided by IOC, there has been no import of petroleum products by individual using their port facilities, IOC is facilitating import, storage and dispatch of furnace oil and naphtha for the private customers at Annex as per their specific quality requirements.